

Mr. Van Hoy has represented the interests of 50,000 skilled construction workers from across the state of Texas before labor, political and business leaders on a local, state and national level. He has worked to secure jobs, equal opportunity, fair wages and benefits, and on-the-job safety and health protection for members. Gale has been active in the labor movement throughout his entire adult life, serving as a member of the AFL-CIO, on the Oversight Committee of the Capitol Preservation Project, and serving on the National Advisory Committee that had oversight on the conduct of an OSHA-funded study of contract workers' safety in the U.S. petrochemical industry.

The former mayor of Houston, Kathryn Whitmire, even declared October 22, 1983 as Gale E. Van Hoy Day—what an honor!

Today I want to recognize Gale Van Hoy's great service to the people of Texas, and to this Nation, and to thank him, on behalf of the Ninth Congressional District for his 40 years of dedication.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN T. GARNJOST

#### HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of John T. Garnjost who became the 53rd American to receive the Olympic Order from the International Olympic Committee. On September 6, 2000 Mr. Garnjost traveled to Taipei Taiwan where he received the award for his contributions to the development of rowing in Chinese Taipei.

The Olympic Order is "the supreme individual honor accorded" by the IOC. It was created in 1974 and is awarded to any person who has illustrated the Olympic Ideal through his action, has achieved remarkable merit in the sporting world, or has rendered outstanding services to the Olympic cause, either through his own personal achievement or his contribution to the development of sport.

Mr. Garnjost was introduced to rowing during his college days at Columbia University where he decided to explore the sport as an official. Mr. Garnjost has been a rowing official in the United States since 1960, and was licensed as an international official in 1970. He officiated at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta in 1996 and has worked at the World Championships. Domestically, he has worked at the Olympic Trials and the U.S. Nationals.

As the president of Bristol Meyers (Taiwan) from 1983 to 1989, he lived in the country and began introducing rowing in Taipei. 1983 marked the first rowing demonstration at the annual Dragon Boat Festival in Taiwan. As an advisor to the Chinese Taipei Amateur Rowing Association, Mr. Garnjost served as a delegate to the 1983 International Rowing Federation (FISA) Congress in Duisburg, Germany, where Chinese Taipei's application for membership was approved.

Real progress was made in 1985 when FISA President Thomi Keller inspected the Tung Shan River as a possible rowing site. Today, there is an internationally proven rowing course, two FISA umpires and rowers throughout the country.

Since the early days of rowing in Taipei, Mr. Garnjost has worked the Asian Rowing Cham-

pionships in 1997. He also helped establish the annual I-Lan International Collegiate Invitational Regatta for crews from nine countries, helped bring the sport to two of Taiwan's major universities and was also instrumental in helping get significant funding for equipment.

Thirteen years ago few in Taiwan knew of rowing as a sport. Today most of the nation can say they know the sport thanks to John Garnjost. He has been referred to as the "Father of Rowing" in Taiwan. His recent award and dedication to the sport and the people of Taiwan is a true testament to this title.

#### HONORING DOROTHY LIND

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Ms. Dorothy Lind for her 12 years of dedicated service to the people of Napa County, California and the surrounding region. Ms. Lind retired on November 24, 2000 from an exceptional career as Chief Executive Officer of the Napa Valley Exposition.

Dorothy Lind was raised in Seattle, Washington and moved to California in the early 1970's. She began her professional career conducting early intervention for severely disabled infants. In the late 70's she was selected to direct health education programs for the Bay Area March of Dimes, overseeing medical and research grants. In 1983 Ms. Lind made another career change by accepting a position as Manager of the Tulare County Fair. Her success in this position was remarkable; she doubled the Fair's budget in just four years and was selected as Tulare County's "Woman of the Year" in 1988.

Her achievements in Tulare gave Ms. Lind the opportunity to lead the Napa Valley Exposition. As CEO her duties involved not only organizing events for a major public facility but also building links with government, community, and business groups. One highlight of her exceptional leadership in this capacity was the creation of the "Bingo Emporium", a partnership that raises over \$1 million annually for many Napa County non-profit organizations and school programs.

While the Expo is host to several major public events throughout the year, the highlight of the Expo's calendar is the five-day Napa Town and Country Fair in August. A defining characteristic of her stewardship of this event was a commitment to reflect the changing face of the Oxbow Neighborhood, recognizing that fairs (in her words), "can either become a major positive force in their neighborhood for good things or become the blight that causes the neighborhood to decline." During her tenure the Expo was named as the pilot fair for the California Fair System's Re-Invention Program which was designed to re-focus community connections and entrepreneurial business interactions for fairgrounds statewide.

Dorothy Lind's contributions to the city of Napa are equally impressive. She has served as President of the Napa Rotary Club (the first woman to fill that position) and is a member of the Napa River Coalition, the Downtown Merchants Association, the Napa County Land Trust, and the Napa Valley Leadership Council. Through these organizations she has facili-

tated partnerships that have been invaluable in fostering commercial prosperity in the City of Napa.

In addition to her considerable public successes, Ms. Lind is also a proud mother of two sons: Rob, a promising local wine maker and Scott, a rising Bay-area dot.com star. Ms. Lind will also soon be a grandmother.

Mr. Speaker, it has been my great honor to represent Ms. Dorothy Lind first as her State Senator and now as her Congressman. Clearly, her life has been one of great public service, dedication and commitment. For these reasons, it is necessary that we honor this woman for her distinguished service to the people of Napa County, California.

#### COMMENDING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF JEWISH EDUCATION

#### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the National Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education, which will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary on Sunday, December 10, 2000, at an affair in Manhattan, New York.

The National Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education was founded in 1940 by the late Lubavicher Rebbe Joseph I. Schneerson. It was continued under Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson. Both Grand Rebbes lived through pogroms, two world wars, the rise of communism, the holocaust and tremendous personal challenges. But their idealism, learning, and faith shone through it all and inspired millions.

The Rebbes fled war-torn Poland to establish the Lubavitcher movement in the United States. Not only were they the spiritual leaders of the Lubavicher Chasidim, but they were also revered and respected as great scholars and teachers by Jews and non-Jews around the world. Indeed, their work still lights the learning and daily mitzvos of Jews everywhere. Through the many manifestations of their energy and vision, and most of all their profound commitment to the importance of Jewish thought, belief and ethics, the Rebbes made an incalculable contribution to the spiritual lives of all people.

In 1940, during the darkest days for Jews, Rebbe Joseph Schneerson dedicated himself to revitalizing Judaism, and in particular to inspiring American Jewry, by nurturing the Jewish soul and fostering "Yiddishkeit". The Rebbe reasoned that only through learning and education would Jewish faith and Jewish life flourish. The Rebbe's idealism, learning, and his faith shone through it all and he inspired millions to love their Jewish culture, history and traditions.

The Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education (NCFJE), is today the strongest in its history. Under the administrative leadership of Rabbi Jacob J. Hecht, the NCFJE is known as the "organization with a heart", with dedicated people willing to work tirelessly to help all Jews, regardless of their affiliation, with much needed education and social programs to help in both their spiritual and physical needs.